

Las Vegas Fusion Center Is a Model for Public-Private Collaboration

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Each year more than 30 million people are drawn to Nevada by Las Vegas? luster. The self-proclaimed ?Entertainment Capital of the World? is home to 18 of the world?s 25 largest hotels, and more than 19,000 conventions were held in the city in 2009. Las Vegas is without question a terrorist target. Beyond the cop on the street, there?s an effective, underlying layer of security that may be unprecedented, and it starts with the fusion center, the Southern Nevada Counter-Terrorism Center (SNCTC), an all-hazards, 24/7 model for public-private collaboration.

In an unassuming building near McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, 14 different agencies from federal, state and local government work together toward one goal: to keep residents and tourists safe. One of three fusion centers in the state, the SNCTC stands out because it?s an all-hours operation that focuses not only on terrorism, but also on all crimes and hazards.

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